

REMARKS

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in the specification in page 2, line 11.

As presently amended, the claimed composition comprise aromatic polycarbonate and/or polyester carbonate, a (co)polymer based on vinyl monomers, a silicone acrylate graft rubber and a mineral filler. The composition features improved impact performance.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Obayashi '914 (U.S. Patent 5,807,914).

Obayashi disclosed a composition that contains polycarbonate, polycarbonate oligomer, a composite based graft copolymer.

As presently amended the claimed composition is required to include a (co)polymer based on vinyl monomers. As such, Obayashi does not anticipate the claims.

There is nothing in Obayashi to suggest including (co)polymer based on vinyl monomers in the presently specified amount.

The rejections over Obayashi are believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Nodera '443 (U.S. Patent 6,150,443).

Nodera disclosed polycarbonate compositions that contain an optional styrenic resin, a flame retardant an anionic antistatic agent having a specified content of sodium sulfate. The presently claimed composition is not disclosed in the manner required by section 102 of the statute.

While Nodera disclosed a presently relevant silicone acrylate graft rubber and mineral filler, the document fails to describe or suggest the presently claimed composition that requires the inclusion of a vinyl (co)polymer in the presently specified amount.

The rejections over Nodera are believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 9012853 (the '853 document).

The '853 document does not disclose nor does it suggest a composition that contains the presently recited vinyl (co)polymer in the presently specified amount.

The rejections over the '853 document are believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 722764 (the '764 document).

The '764 document does not disclose nor does it suggest a composition that contains the presently recited vinyl (co)polymer in the presently specified amount.

The rejections over the '764 document are believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over WO 00/12629 (the '629 document).


The '629 document does not disclose nor does it suggest a composition that contains the presently recited vinyl (co)polymer in the presently specified amount.

The rejections over the '629 document are believed addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

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